

new position, just as he has done in the House.

With the TONY HALL leading our government's effort to promote food security across the globe, the United States will be well represented in the international community. Most important, those who face each day with hunger will have his talents and energy focused on addressing their burden. He has always had passion for ending hunger. Now, as the ambassador, he can be single-minded in his efforts and fight for this cause with the full support and authority of the United States government.

Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times, Mr. Hall's humanitarian efforts abroad are well known. However, I believe it is important to highlight the important work he has done on behalf of his constituents throughout his tenure in Congress. He has been a staunch supporter of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, his district's largest employer, and has been a leader in the House in support of the Air Force Science and Technology program, which is headquartered at Wright-Patterson.

He also drafted legislation that was enacted in 1992 which created the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and established the Park as a unit of the National Park System. The law also established the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission to assist federal, state, and local authorities in preserving and managing the historic resources in the Miami Valley that are associated with the Wright brothers and aviation. This park will serve as a reminder for generations of Dayton residents and visitors from around the world about the importance of Dayton as the birthplace of aviation.

More important and above all else, he sets the standard for decency and integrity among us in the House. He models the behavior he expects of ally and adversary alike. And of each he seeks to make a friend by being one.

Thank you, TONY.

It has been an honor to serve with you as member of the Ohio delegation and as colleagues in this House for the past 16 years. I hope we will all join in wishing him the very best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO HON. TONY HALL

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to join with my colleagues here this afternoon as we pay tribute to TONY HALL.

Mr. Speaker, in my opinion TONY HALL is not only a great Congressman, he is a great man. As all of my colleagues in this Chamber know, he has long been a leader on human rights issues, on hunger issues in this Congress.

I first got to know TONY HALL when I was a staffer for the late Congressman Joe Moakley, and I recall when I worked for Congressman Moakley receiving Dear Colleagues from Congressman HALL on the issue of East Timor. TONY HALL was the first voice to speak out on behalf of the people of East Timor. He was a courageous voice in

condemning the atrocities that were inflicted on the people of East Timor by the Indonesian military. He organized letters, he organized protests, he organized press conferences, and he fought very hard to help those people secure independence in East Timor. I believe very strongly that the independence that East Timor has ultimately achieved in large part and the support that the United States provided that independence movement in large part is due to the efforts of TONY HALL.

He also, and I have been very proud to work with him on this issue, has been a great leader in helping us with the global food for education initiative, the so-called George McGovern-Bob Dole Global Food for Education Initiative. TONY HALL knows that hunger in this world is essentially a political condition and hunger amongst children is immoral. We need to do something about it.

We have the ability to do something about it. He has steadfastly challenged this Congress and this country to do more to alleviate hunger around the world. I am particularly proud to have him as an ally on this effort because this whole effort is about making sure that every child in the world gets at least one nutritious meal a day in a school setting.

He knows that children who are hungry cannot learn. He also knows that when you introduce a meal in a school setting, more children actually go to school. And so he is committed not only to eliminating hunger amongst children, but to universal education, for all children. He knows that that is how we create a more tolerant, a less violent, a better world for all of us.

While he is well known for a lot of his international efforts, he has also been a champion to fight hunger and homelessness right here in the United States. We all recall his vigils and his walks with homeless people throughout this city. I remember one evening when he launched a hunger fast to try to get us to do more in this Congress to help the homeless and to help those who were hungry. He has been the conscience of this Congress.

I want to just say that I cannot think of anybody more qualified to go on to become the United States Ambassador to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome than TONY HALL. It is a job that my friend and my teacher, my mentor, George McGovern, had for many years. I think TONY HALL will be excellent in that position and will use that international forum to not only compel the United States, but to compel the rest of the world to do more on these issues. I am honored to follow him on the Rules Committee where he served with such distinction for many years.

We will miss TONY'S passion and resolute commitment. I hope that Congress does not forget the hungry of the world when he is no longer here to speak out on their behalf. He has done

incredible things here in the United States Congress, and I expect that he will do incredible things in his new position. I thank him very much for his service and his friendship.

TRIBUTE TO HON. TONY HALL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, TONY HALL has taught us well, and I want to be a good student. Though he is going to Rome, let me tell you that Afghanistan, Mr. HALL, cannot wait until you get to Rome. Sub-Saharan Africa cannot wait until you get to Rome. Parts of Texas cannot wait until you get to Rome. Because there is hunger in these places, in fact, famine, and we are delighted that Congressman HALL will be able to be not a soldier but a general in the war against hunger.

I guess I have had the privilege of knowing you longer than my tenure in this House, because in the 18th Congressional District, TONY HALL was like the other Member that represented us. Your good friend, Congressman Mickey Leland, made sure that we understood the issues of hunger and that we are, in fact, our brothers' and sisters' keeper.

I remember hearing about Bill Emerson. I remember hearing about the Select Committee on Hunger and now knowing the story of, before I got here, your hunger strike when efforts were made to dismantle that committee. What we learned is that hunger grows. It will not end on its own. And TONY you did not mind whether it was in style or was out of style, or that the issue was a popular issue today. He consistently stayed the course. The congressional hunger fellows that many of you may have had experiences with or may not, today are a steady force of trained, young, bright professionals, committed, passionate souls who today fight hunger because of their spiritual guru in TONY HALL.

He certainly spoke out and still speaks out against homelessness, but he finds causes and he never lets up. The blood diamonds that many of us may not have been exposed to, I remember traveling to Botswana and the issue was made known, "We are doing good things with our diamonds. What is that TONY HALL doing?" I am glad I joined his cause, because when you see the dismemberment of children or the amputation, the severe violence against children over these diamonds in countries in West Africa, you know that his heart and his mind and his message and his actions were in the right place.